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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6818

BILL NUMBER: HB 1799

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Cervidae Livestock Operations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Robertson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the definitions of "exotic animal" and "wild animal" do not include cervidae that are part of a cervidae livestock operation (CLO). It removes the requirement that a CLO have a game breeder's license.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the game breeder's license. Eliminating CLOs from the requirement to obtain a game breeder's license could reduce administrative costs associated with processing the license as well as revenues associated with the application for a game breeder's license.

Background Information: IC 14-22-2-3 provides that the DNR must provide for the protection, reproduction, care, management, survival, and regulation of wild animal populations regardless of whether the wild animals are present on public or private property in Indiana. Removal of the CLO cervidae from the definition of "wild animals" removes these cervidae from the regulatory purview of the DNR.

Explanation of State Revenues: The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife issued 228 game breeders licenses for white-tailed deer in 2006. (The DNR issues game breeder's licenses for other animals as well.) The license costs \$15 per year. The number of game breeder's licenses that are issued to CLOs is unknown because there is no license required for a CLO, except the game breeder's license.

The bill would result in a decrease in revenue from the game breeder's license. The specific impact is indeterminable, but based on the number of licenses issued for white-tail deer the revenue loss could be

\$3,420. However, CLOs could include other cervidae besides white-tailed deer.

License fee revenue is deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund which is used to finance the operations of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement.

Also, see *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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